

Independent Contractor Exemptions A Final Report on Senate Bill 270

INTRODUCTION

The 59th legislative assembly passed Senate Bill 270, effective May 5, 2003. Senate Bill 270 charged the department of labor and industry with appointing an advisory committee to define the term “independent contractor” and study issues related to exemptions of independent contractors from coverage of the Workers’ Compensation Act.

As part of the enabling legislation the committee was to consist of members representing business and community interests; members representing workers' compensation insurers; members representing building contractors of whom at least one-half must be independent contractors; members representing labor organizations; and, a representative from the department of labor and industry.

Committee members included Webb Brown, Jerry Driscoll, Riley Johnson, Jim Nys, Brian Smith, Nancy Butler, Bob Worthington, Carl Schweitzer, Larry Mayo, Jacqueline Lenmark, Dave Cogley, Larry Jones, Jerry Keck, Cary Hegreberg, Jason Miller, and Byron Roberts. The committee held a total of 5 day long meetings and issued this final report on December 20, 2004.